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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General Andrew J. Goodpaster

SUBJECT: The Philippine Elections

1. The election of Carlos P. Garcia as Philippine President on 12 November demonstrated the consolidation of his control of the Nacionalista Party (NP) as well as the governmental machinery. Although Garcia's running mate for the vice-presidency, Jose B. Laurel, Jr., was defeated, the Nacionalista Party captured six of eight Senate seats and approximately eighty-four of one-hundred-two lower house seats.

2. The Nacionalista landslide victory probably is less significant than the emergence of a popular third party in Philippine political life. Garcia himself polled less than 41% of the total vote as shown on the attachment hereto. Manuel Manahan, presidential candidate of the newly formed Progressive Party of the Philippines (PPP), polled an impressive 21% of the vote in his first campaign for elective office. It is clear, therefore, that while the Nacionalista Party's well-established machinery carried the day, a significant vote was registered in opposition to both established parties, the Nacionalistas and the Liberals.

3. The election of Diosdado Macapagal of the Liberal Party (LP) as vice president to serve with President Garcia resulted from widespread dislike for Laurel, Jr., on moral as well as political grounds. Senator Claro M. Recto, an outspoken critic of U.S. policies in Asia, also suffered a damaging defeat in the 12 November elections.

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4. President Garcia has stated that he will continue the basic foreign and domestic policies of Magsaysay particularly with respect to maintaining close ties with the United States. He is not expected, however, to prove as strong a foe of corruption in government as was Magsaysay. President Garcia has indicated a desire to visit Washington early in 1958 at which time he may seek financial aid for the faltering Philippine economy.

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for Nat'l Security Affairs
with note:

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"The attached copy of my
on the Philippine election follows up our recent conversation
on this subject. (as directed)"

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VOTE TABULATION AS OF 19 NOVEMBER 1957 (Unofficial)

PRESIDENT:

	<u>Party</u>		
Carlos P. Garcia	Nacionalista	2,024,337	40.6%
Jose Yulo	Liberal	1,388,787	28.2%
Manuel P. Manahan	Progressive	1,087,030	21.4%
Claro M. Recto	Nacionalist Citizens	420,731	8.6%
Antonio Quirino	Independent	59,835	1.2%
		4,980,720	

VICE PRESIDENT:

	<u>Party</u>		
Diosdado Macapagal	Liberal	2,117,436	45.8%
Jose B. Laurel, Jr.	Nacionalista	1,600,978	38.9%
Vicente Araneta	Progressive	372,902	8.1%
Lorenzo Tanada	Nacionalist Citizens	333,978	7.2%
		4,625,294	

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Brig. General Andrew J. Goodpaster
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Andy:

Bobby Cutler told me that the President had expressed interest in some preliminary figures which we had furnished on the Philippine elections. Consequently I enclose a brief report with figures representing substantially the final returns.



Sincerely yours,

AWD

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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